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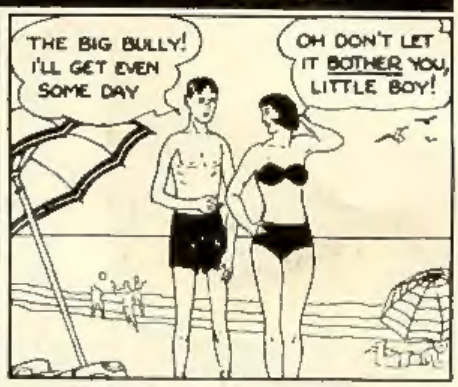

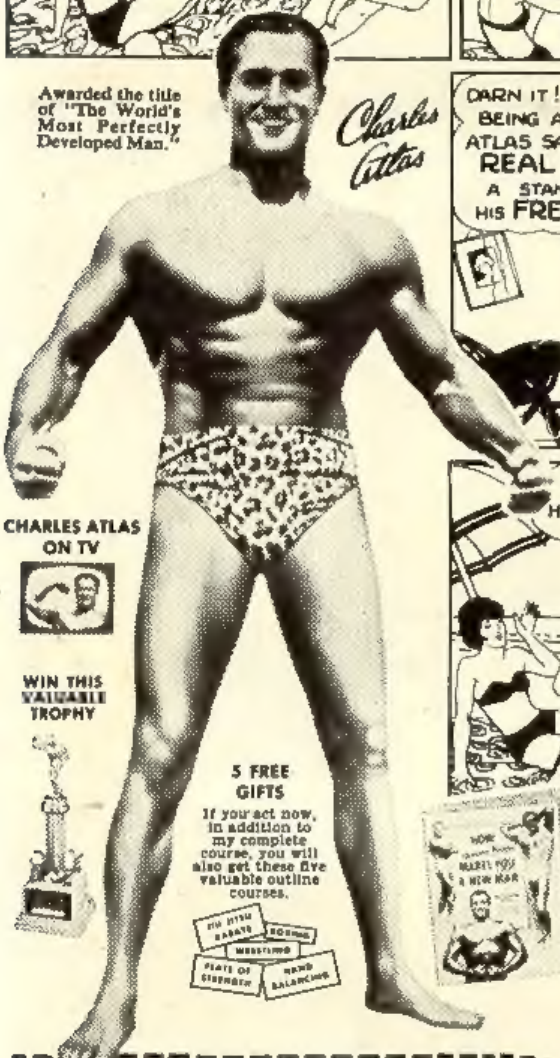

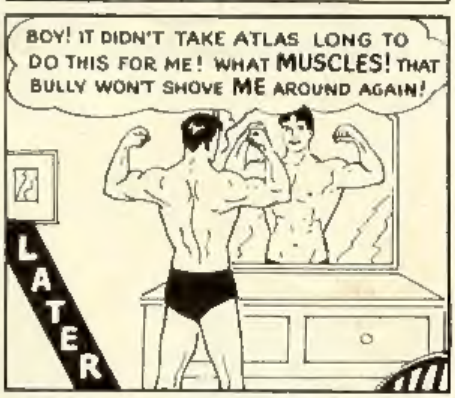

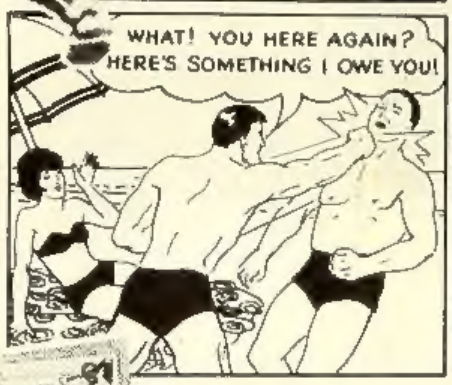

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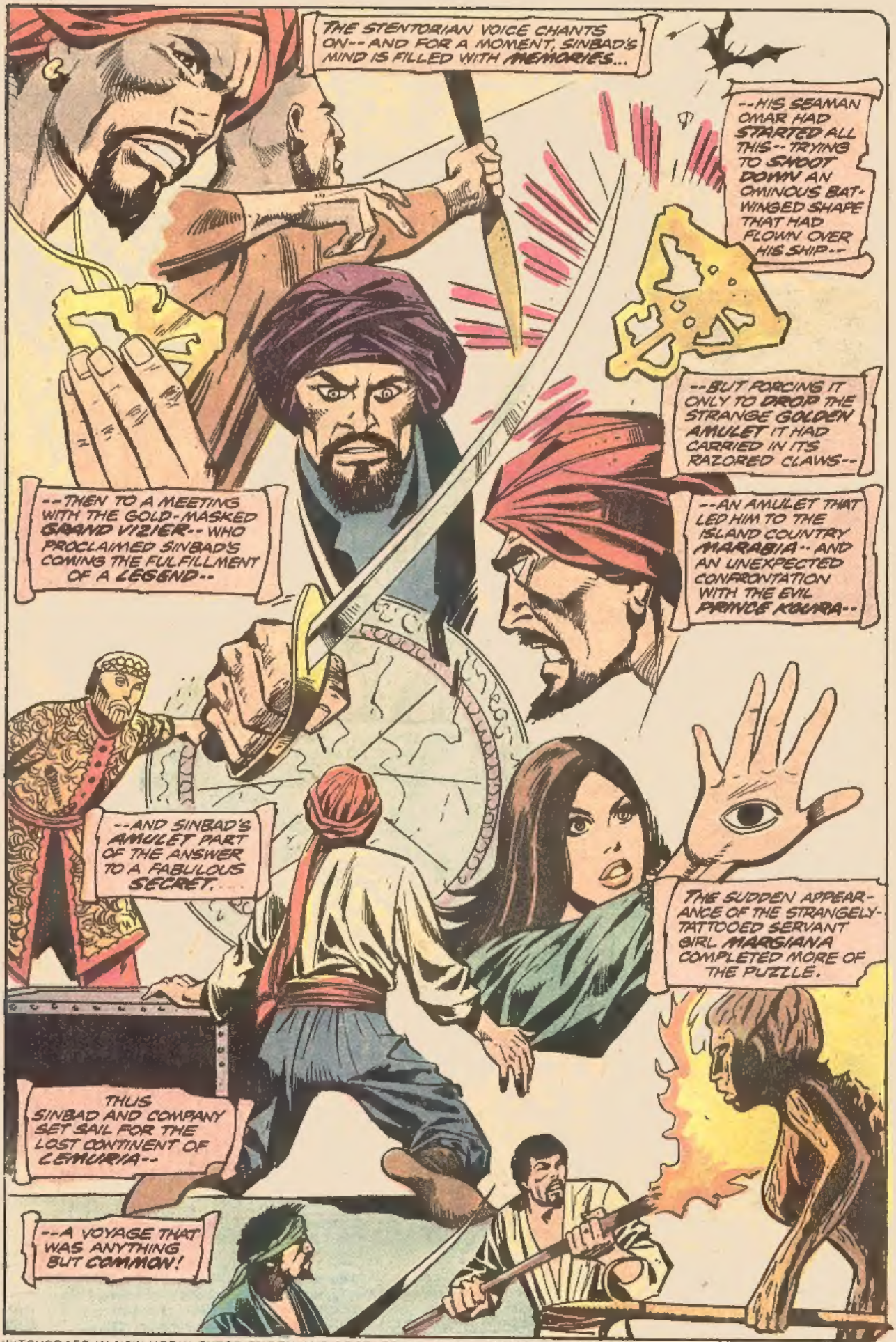
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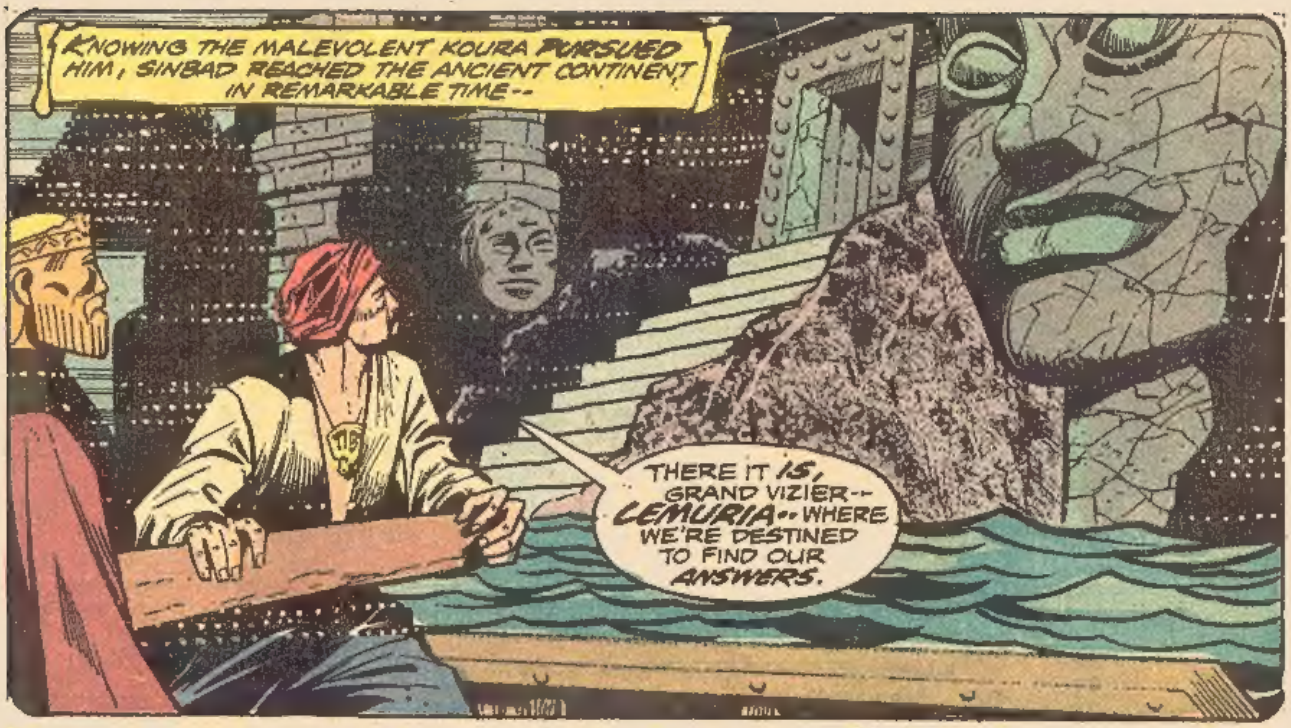

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--BUT I'M THE MOST FOOLHARDY!
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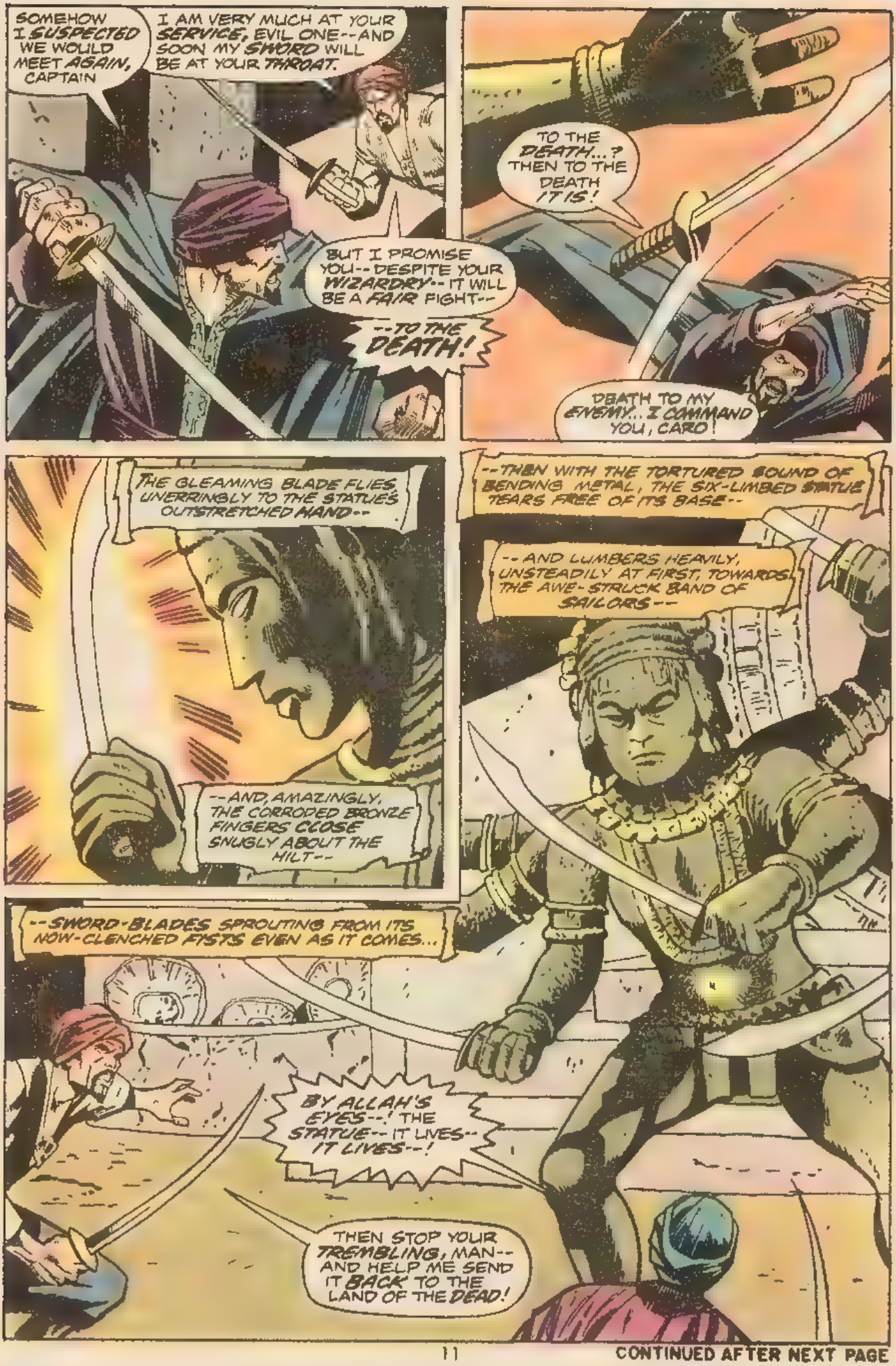

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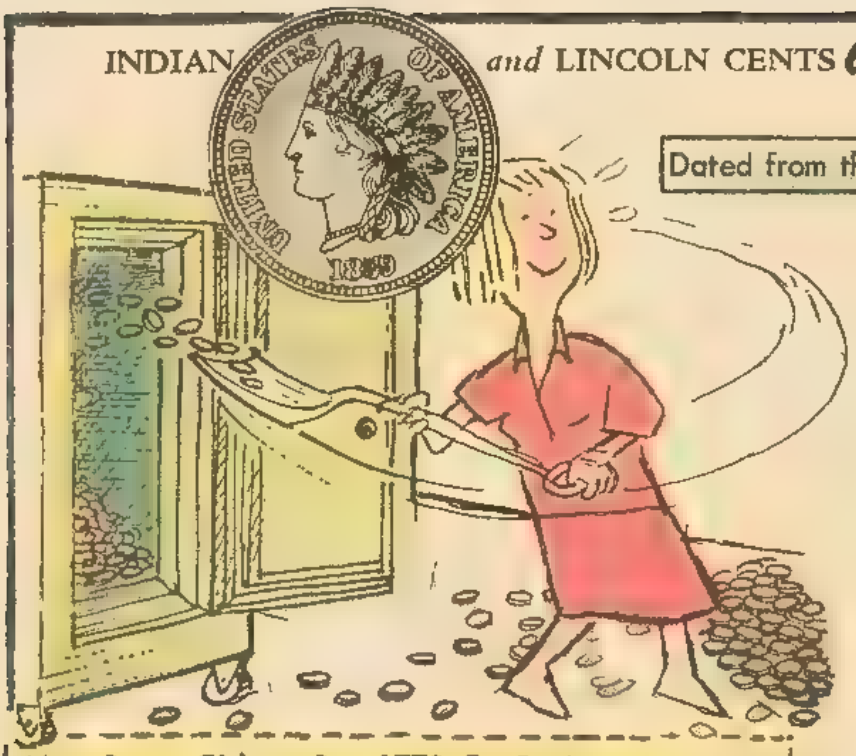

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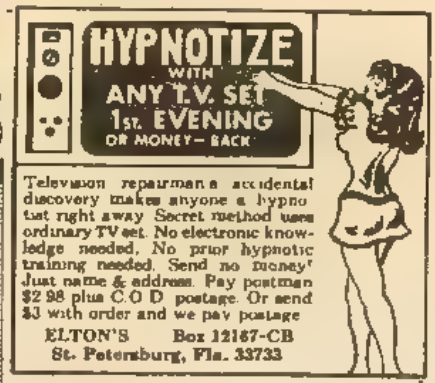

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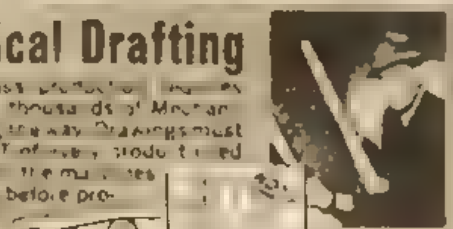

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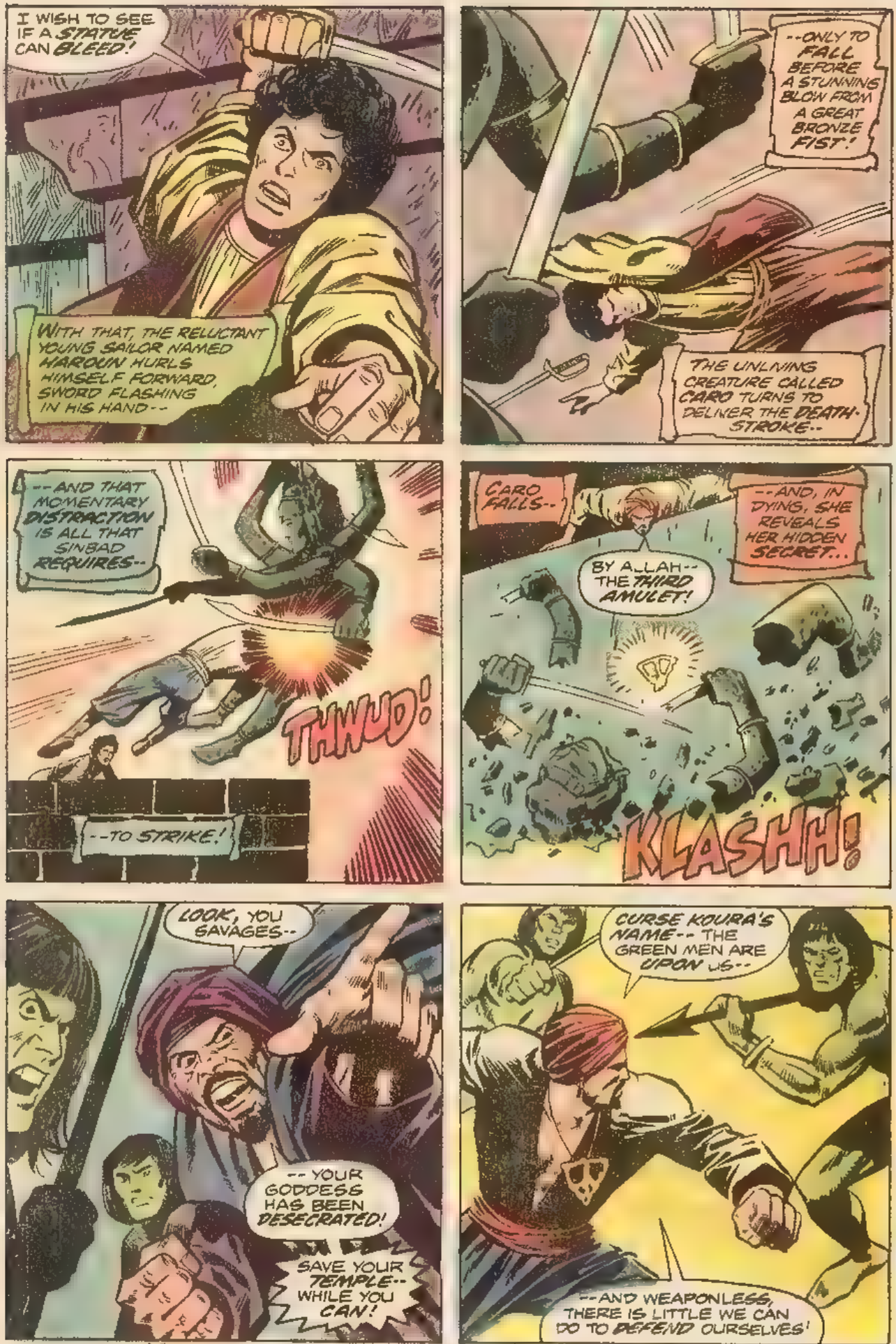
KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN, MEN! DO NOT LET THESE ACCURSED ARMS OVERWHELM YOU!
BUT THOUGH MOST OF SINBAD'S SEAMEN HEED THEIR CAPTAIN'S WORDS--
AARGGHH!
CHUK!
ALAS, SOME DO NOT!
CURSE YOU, KOURA--THIS IS YOUR DOING! HASSIM'S BLOOD IS UPON YOUR HANDS--
--AND I SWEAR TO ALMIGHTY ALLAH THAT I WILL DROWN YOU IN THAT BLOOD BEFORE MY SOUL IS SPED TO MECCA!
COME, MY BROTHERS--RENEW THE ATTACK--
--LET US TASTE REVENGE BEFORE THIS DAY IS DONE!

DRIVEN BY THE FIRES OF VENGEANCE, SINBAD AND HIS CREW PRESS THE ASSAULT, FORCING THE SLASHING DEATH-GODDESS BACK UP THE CARVED STONE STAIRS...
HARDER, MEN -- OUR SWORDS DRIVE THE MONSTER TO ITS DOOM!
BUT THE SEAMEN'S SWORDSMANSHIP IS BORN MORE OF FRENZY THAN OF LONG-DEVELOPED SKILL --
--WHICH IS UNFORTUNATE--
--FOR FURY CANNOT LONG SUSTAIN ONE AGAINST EXPERTISE CONCEIVED IN SORCERY --
THWAK
--NOT VERY LONG AT ALL!
SPLAT
BUT SUCH SACRIFICES HAVE NOT BEEN IN VAIN...
THE CREATURE HAS KNOCKED RACHID AND ABDUL SENSELESS --
--BUT WE HAVE DRIVEN IT TO THE TOP OF THE STAIRS!
THEN LET US FINISH IT, CAPTAIN -- BEFORE IT GUTS US ALL!


I WISH TO SEE IF A STATUE CAN BLEED!
WITH THAT, THE RELUCTANT YOUNG SAILOR NAMED HAROUN HURLS HIMSELF FORWARD, SWORD FLASHING IN HIS HAND--
--ONLY TO FALL BEFORE A STUNNING BLOW FROM A GREAT BRONZE FIST!
THE UNLIVING CREATURE CALLED CARO TURNS TO DELIVER THE DEATH-STROKE--
--AND THAT MOMENTARY DISTRACTION IS ALL THAT SINBAD REQUIRES--
THWUD!
--TO STRIKE!
CARO FALLS--
BY ALLAH-- THE THIRD AMULET!
--AND, IN DYING, SHE REVEALS HER HIDDEN SECRET...
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LOOK, YOU SAVAGES--
-- YOUR GODDESS HAS BEEN DESECRATED!
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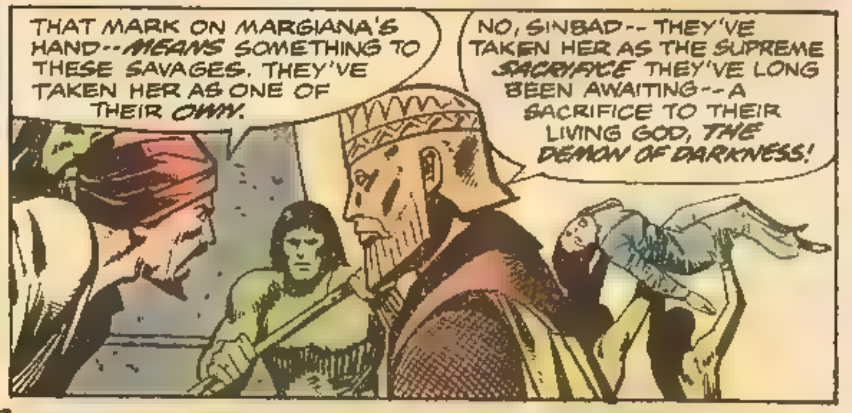
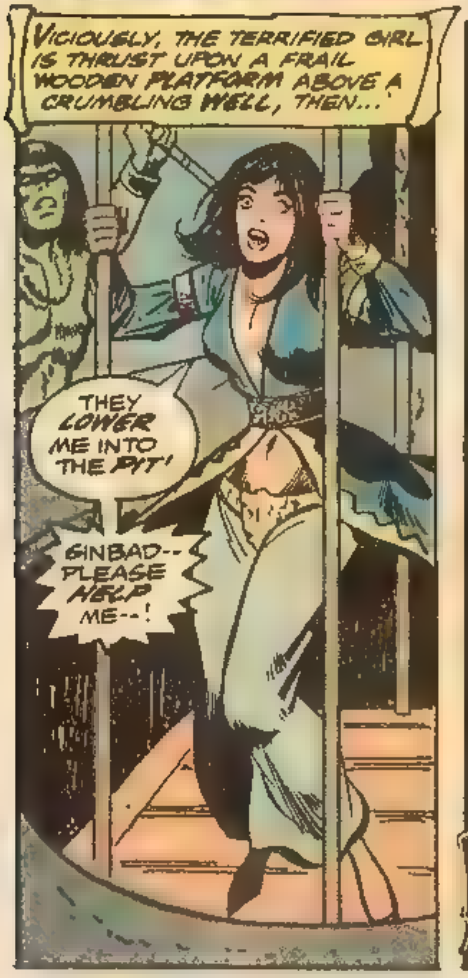
CURSE KOURA'S NAME-- THE GREEN MEN ARE UPON US--
--AND WEAPONLESS, THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO TO DEFEND OURSELVES!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR AMULET, VIZIER-- AND YOU, SINBAD, FOR YOURS.
BUT WHAT GOOD ARE THESE BAUBLES TO YOU, KOURA? WHAT SECRET DO THEY HOLD?
SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN SO DILIGENT IN YOUR QUEST, SINBAD-- I WILL QUENCH YOUR THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE!
IT IS WRITTEN THAT HE WHO PLACES EACH OF THESE TABLETS INTO THE WATERS OF THE FOUNTAIN OF DESTINY SHALL RECIEVE IN TURN--
--YOUTH--INVULNERABILITY--AND A CROWN OF UNTOLD RICHES!
ALL THIS IS MY DESTINY--
--BUT I FEAR YOUR DESTINY AWAITS YOU HERE-- FOR HAVE YOU NOT DESTROYED THE GREEN MEN'S MOST SACRED SHRINE?
MAY ALLAH RECEIVE YOU, CAPTAIN SINBAD.
NOW I BID YOU FAREWELL.
CURSE YOUR BLACKENED HEART, KOURA-- YOU'VE NOT HEARD THE LAST OF ME-- I SWEAR IT!
BUT SINBAD'S ANGRY VOW GOES UNHEEDED--
--AS HE IS THROWN ROUGHLY ACROSS A CRUDE SACRIFICIAL ALTAR--
--A HEAVY CEREMONIAL KNIFE IS RAISED HIGH ABOVE HIS THROAT--
--AND IN THE INSTANT THAT IT BEGINS ITS DESCENT--
NO--STOP--YOU MUST NOT DO THIS TERRIBLE THING!





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WORDS UNKNOWN!

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Dear Marvel,

"Killdozer" in WORLDS UNKNOWN #6 was a sheer delight. It reminded me of an old science fiction movie of the 1950's. All the standard plot elements are there several men alone on an island, ancient ruins to add to the eerie atmosphere, a couple of men die under mysterious circumstances, etc., etc. What is the horrible menace? A huge dinosaur awakened from its eons long sleep? Nope. A monstrous being from outer space? Nope. Instead, it's a bulldozer (animated by a sentient cloud-form of intelligent electrons, of course). This is where the genius of the story lies. Instead of the typical bug-eyed monster (which would probably make a five-year-old yawn), the monster is something out of everyday life, a bulldozer. This reminds me of the made for-TV movie "Duel", which featured a semi-truck as the monster.

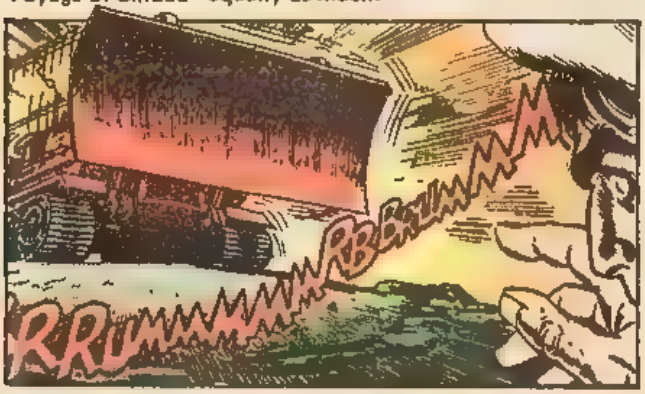
To get back to "Killdozer" — the suspense is built up very nicely leading into the bizarre climax, where the bulldozer is electrocuted. The part where the bald-headed guy is trying to talk to the rampaging bulldozer is brilliant.

All in all, I'd say you guys did a magnificent job adapting Sturgeon's offbeat story to comic book form. This rates as your best adaptation so far. One story I'd like to see you do is "Boulter's Canaries" by Keith Roberts. It's best described as a combination of science fiction and gothic horror. If that sounds weird, just read the story. Anyway, here's hoping for many more excellent stories in the pages of WORLDS UNKNOWN.

Brian Schuck
Bowling Green, O.

Well, Brian, pat yourself on the back. You've done it— come up with an adaptation nomination which none of us, we admit ashamedly, have ever heard of. "Boulter's Canaries", huh? You can bet we'll search it out posthaste.

Meanwhile, sincere thanks for the good words on "Killdozer". And here's hoping you're enjoying "The Golden Voyage of Sinbad" equally as much.



Dear Bullpen,

I have read WORLDS UNKNOWN #6 featuring "Killdozer". You tried something different, didn't you? You took quite a gamble! I mean, your average comic-book reader might thumb his nose at this sort of thing. Personally, I hope Mr. Average Comics Reader picked up "Killdozer" with the intention of enjoying it. I did, and I'm a comic book fanatic and a Marvelite since 1964. I enjoyed "Killdozer" immensely! Gerry Conway provided an excellent script. The artwork was most impressive. Dick Ayers and Ernie Chua proved to be very compatible. I'd like to see more of this sort of thing in the future.

WORLDS UNKNOWN has been featuring supremely well-done work. I'd like to see pure science fiction be successful in the comic art medium. If your publishing of WORLDS UNKNOWN isn't successful, with you working as hard as you are, I don't see much hope for science fiction in comics. But I hope it reaches a point where WORLDS UNKNOWN is monthly; where you're featuring new stories, not reprints in WEIRD WONDER TALES; where you can publish a 75¢ black-and-white science fiction title; where you can give us loads of adaptations and original stories! Any chance of reaching this goal by 1976?

Brian Prescott
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Let's put it this way, Brian: who would've believed we could have put men on the moon by 1969?

In other words, some of the things you'd like to see are distinct possibilities. Some are distinct impossibilities. We refer you to editor Roy Thomas' special note elsewhere on these pages.

Meanwhile, let's not forget that Marvel also publishes another science fiction-oriented mag called WAR OF THE WORLDS, which we heartily invite you to support. Granted, it's not "pure" sf; it also incorporates elements of the super hero and horror-type strips. But it's well worth your time, we think.

And next month, in MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE, we'll be heralding the return of another sci-fi/superhero strip when the GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY make their second appearance (the first was way back in 1968), teamed up with of all people, the Thing and Captain America! We've designed that issue as a sort of "pilot" for a possible series starring the Guardians, so, again, we invite you to partake thereof and let us know if you think we've got a potential bombshell, or just plain bomb, on our hands.

Dear Bullpenners,

WORLDS UNKNOWN #6 was a delight to this science fiction fan. You really know how to keep the flavor of the original story while making them even more exciting. I have never read "Killdozer" before, but now I am making a special effort to find a copy of it. By the way, one the cover it says "As Seen On TV!" I'm wondering what show it was adapted for. Was it possibly on "Outer Limits" or "Twilight Zone" or "Night Gallery"? Those are the only respectable sf shows (not counting "Star Trek", of course) that were on for any length of time that could do a good adaptation of any Sturgeon's work.

Bob Ortega
204 El Camp Dr.
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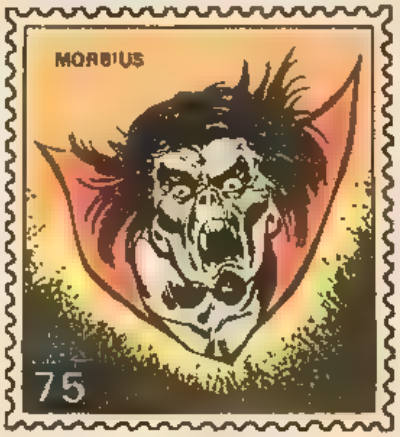
It was none of those programs, Bob. And in fact, our cover blurb should have read "Soon to be seen on TV!", since the show didn't appear 'til some weeks later. "Killdozer" was presented as a story unto itself, not part of a series, on the Saturday night "ABC Suspence Movie" We strongly advise you to, as the cliche goes, check your local listings for the time and channel, as it will almost certainly be rerun some time this season.



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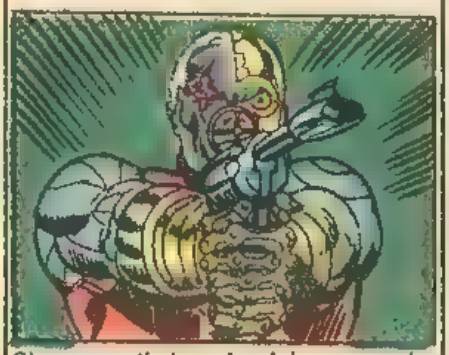
Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! Special last-minute announcement! Our 35¢ and 60¢ mags have gone the way of all flesh! In other words, we're discontinuing 'em. But, before you gulp that cyanide pill, friend, let us hasten to clue you in—we're just switching all our over-sized epics to one size, one price: just 50¢ for 68 big pages, with a feature length 30 page *all new* spectacular in almost every one of our nine Giant-Size titles. Confused? Well, for the full fabulous details, you'll have to pick up this month's GIANT SIZE SPIDER-MAN #1 (co-starring DRACULA, who else?) — GIANT SIZE DEFENDERS #1, GIANT SIZE AVENGERS #1, or whatever else we happen to toss atcha. Then, you'll know at least as much about this dramatic change-over as we do — and take it from us, that ain't much, effendi!

ITEM! This is it! The month when we present a dynamic *new feature*, which starts in the current issue of ASTONISHING TALES, now on sale. First, though, that fabled picture-worth-a-thousand-words:



Okay, now that you've taken a gander at what our newest, maybe most offbeat hero yet *looks* like, we'll fill you in: He's DEATHLOK, THE DEMOLISHER — and he's part cyborg, part superhero, and maybe just a touch of monster, all rolled up into one pulsating package by RICH (Swash) BUCKLER, who conceived and drew the awesome origin tale, and Devil-May-Care DOUG MOENCH, who supplied some of the most unique scripting we've seen in a month of Mondays! Quite frankly, we think Deathlok's gonna take the waiting world by storm—and that's no hype! Pick up ASTONISHING TALES #25, and see for yourself why 1974 is already being heralded as THE MARVEL AGE OF COMICS — PHASE TWO! We're shifting into high gear, troops — but we're not going anyplace without you!

ITEM! Hey, guess what! Looking over our ever-frenetic schedule, we just noticed that this is the first time in many moons that we're not introducing any new mags — with the exception of a couple of 50¢ extravaganzas, and if you don't count one Deathlok, the Demolisher — which, now that we think of it, doesn't leave us exactly standing still! Fact is, we're just slowing down to catch our breath for a little while, as we consolidate our line of 25¢ and 50¢ color comics — our 75¢ magazine masterpieces — our 40¢ CRAZY fun-fest — that forthcoming Marvel Origins Book that Smiley told you about earlier — and a couple of other projects we can't even mention yet (mainly 'cause right now we can't remember what they are) But, a few short weeks from now, don't be too surprised if it turns out we had another inspiration or three up our sleeve, hear?

MARVELOUS MARVEL MINI-ITEMS! Wedding bells are waking up that Bullpen Gang of ours! First, over the Christmas holidays, it was Marriage-Minded MURRAY FRIEDMAN, our hard-working Assistant Production Manager who specializes in our 75¢ mags, to his lovely ADRIENNE (who, weirdly enough, is a former Hunter College lab partner of Rascally ROY'S own wife, JEAN. • • Then, come January, Merry GERRY CONWAY took a couple of days off from his superhero scripting to tie the connubial knot with Cute CARLA JOSEPH, Roy's super-secretary and general Gal Friday. Between Ger, who writes several of our mags a month (plus occasional science fiction paperbacks, including a forthcoming series or two), and Carla, who's an off-Broadway playwright in between her many Marvel chores, we've got a feeling that the Conways' neighbors on Manhattan's West Side are gonna be driven out of their skulls by the sound of two twin typewriters clackin' away night and day! Anyway, best wishes both to GERRY and CARLA, and to MURRAY and ADRIENNE — and somebody help our poor editor pick all that rice out of his shoes, willya?

ITEM THE LAST! Next time around, we'll mention several more block-bustin' bargains you can get once you've amassed a complete set of our much-praised, much-clipped MARVEL VALUE STAMPS! But, for now, we've just got room enough left to mention a few of our mammoth sized mags. So, till then — *Save Energy! Subscribe, Already!*

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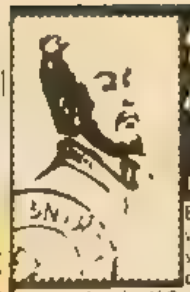

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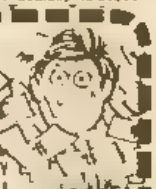

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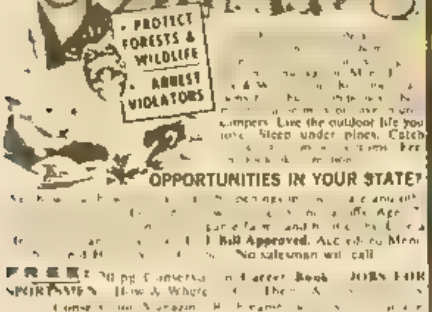

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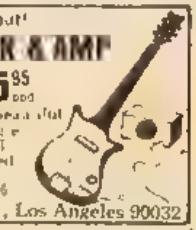

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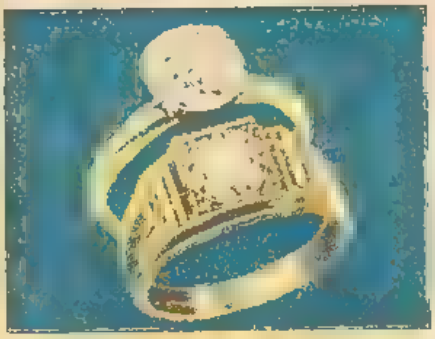

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THEN TRY YOUR BEST, CAPTAIN.
AM I HERE?
OR HERE PERHAPS?
BY ALLAH! NOW KOURA'S SWORD DWINDLES AWAY AS WELL!
OF COURSE, SINBAD--FOR NOW YOU CANNOT FIND ME AT ALL!
COWARD--STAND AND FACE ME!
NO--YOU CAN'T KILL ME--BUT I CAN DESTROY YOU--ALL OF YOU!
SINBAD--LOOK!
IN THE DEPTHS OF THE FOUNTAIN--!
THAT SHADOW--!
KOURA--PREPARING TO STRIKE--
--UNLESS I STRIKE FIRST--AND TRUE!
ARRGGH!
LIKE THE CENTAUR BEFORE IT, THE SHADOW-FIGURE FALLS--
--AND THE CRYSTAL-PURE WATERS OF THE FOUNTAIN OF DESTINY SUDDENLY RUN A BRIGHT AND SHINING RED...
IT IS AS THE ORACLE SAID, SINBAD--
...ITS WATERS MARK YOU CLEARLY LIKE A RAINBOW IN THE SKY."

KOURA FOUND HIS DESTINY, MARGIANA-- AND IT WAS DEATH!
NOW WE MUST... EH?
MAY ALLAH'S BLESSINGS BE UPON YOU, CAPTAIN SINBAD-- YOU HAVE FREED MARABIA FROM KOURA'S EVIL.
CAPTAIN-- LOOK-- IN THE FOUNTAIN OF DESTINY--
--IT SEEMS A CROWN OF SOME SORT-- RISING FROM THE WATERS--!
A CROWN OF MANY RICHES.
KOURA MUST HAVE DROPPED THE THIRD TABLET INTO THE FOUNTAIN WHEN HE PERISHED.
--BUT BY RIGHT OF HONOR, GRAND VIZIER-- IT IS YOURS.
BY RIGHT OF BATTLE, THE CROWN IS MINE NOW--
THE CROWN IS PLACED UPON THE VIZIER'S HEAD-- AND AMAZINGLY HIS GOLDEN MASK FADES TO NOTHINGNESS -- TO REVEAL--
MY FACE.. THE CROWN HAS RESTORED IT!
THEN IT IS A CROWN OF MANY RICHES, INDEED!
AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING, AS SINBAD'S SHIP PREPARES TO SET SAIL FOR MARABIA...
SINBAD, WHY DID YOU DO IT?
GIVE AWAY A KINGDOM-- PRICELESS TREASURE-- WHY?
I VALUE FREEDOM, MARGIANA--ABOVE ALL OTHER THINGS--
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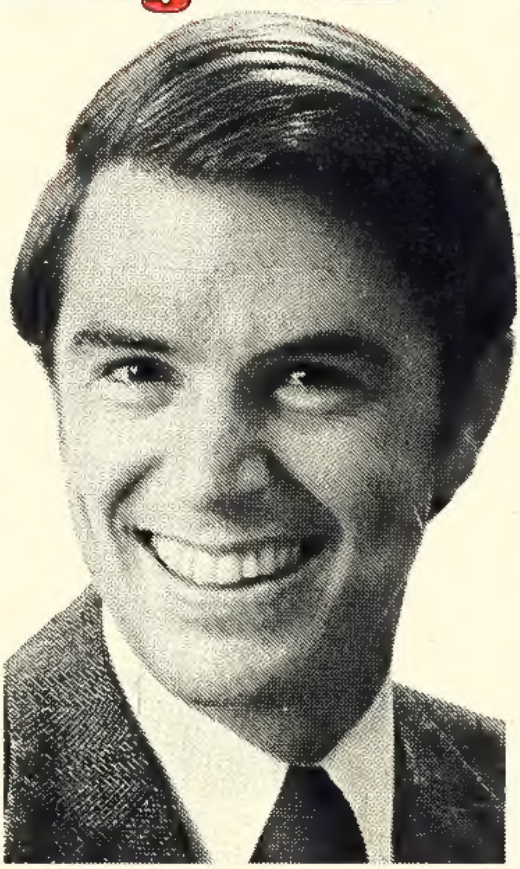

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